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THE TRUTH IS
GOOD ENOUGHExaggerations Needed to Por-
tray Advantages of Florida

TRUTH ABOUT FLORIDA

The Spread of Truth Will Not Equal
the Pace of Falschood, it Ultimately
Wins the Purse and Approval

Florida has been greatly dam-
aged by land fakirs operating in sev-
eral of the large cities of the north, is
known to all who have made in-
vestigations. Much of the damage has
come from greatly exaggerated reports
of the State, which failed to material-
ize upon investigation. The Palm
Beach County paraphrases the words of
lamented Broward, "The truth
about Florida is good enough," and
portrays a story, "Tell the
truth about Florida," which follows:

"Tell the truth about Florida! There
is no necessity for over-rating the state.
The truth is sufficient to induce a
population as rapidly as loca-
tions are fit for them.

"Tell the truth about Florida! There
are few portions of the state that do
not excel in some product, or do not
present some point of vantage quick to
be seized upon when properly exploited.

"Tell the truth about Florida! Elimi-
nate the fabulous tales of exceptional
wealth where immense sums are realized
on a single acre; cases which in the
past have been netted because the
owner 'knew how,' had his land in
edge shape, and struck a fat mar-
tyr. His neighbor on the west or east
suddenly came out a little to the good,
that is all. Average the results.

"Tell the truth about Florida! The
repeated announcement 'Buy a
ten-acre tract and in 100 days you
will sell your crop for enough to
pay all expenses, pay for the ten
acres and have \$1000 in the bank,'
written by a brother of Ananias
the cousin of Judas Iscariot.

"Tell the truth about Florida! The
man who declares that 60 barrels of
potatoes may be raised on any old
piece of land, with no commercial
value and prints the name of the
man who succeeded in doing that
with the potato from 'p' to
'z,' and had an unlimited supply of
fertilizer or animal fertilizer.

"Tell the truth about Florida! The
man who depicts a picture of a tree-
topped field, with scrub-oak here and
there, labelled 'Home in September,'
then places beside it a stumps
wherein is a fine bungalow with the
owner swinging lazily in the hammock
on the porch, while all about the home
are luxuriant vegetable gardens with
fruiting fruit trees—all labelled 'Same
place in Following April,' has an im-
agination worthy of a Munchausen
in the delineation of a Dore.

bare; tell of her tomatoes which cover
well-tilled fields with a thick mantle
and which may be transported across
the ocean in excellent condition; tell of
the array of early vegetables which
feed the northern markets at the time
when nothing else is there. That
makes legitimate advertising.

"Tell the truth about Florida! Clip
from the many papers in all portions of
the state the various items regarding
crop yields. Let the people learn the
general yields, not the exceptionally im-
mense crops, and where possible, tell
of how these crops were produced. Do
not assert that these harvests may be
duplicated by the novice under ordinary
conditions. It is true that he who reads
of immense yields and corresponding
profits should learn between the lines of
some of the qualifications needed; but
the unacquainted fail to do this; they
come, purchase, and become aware later
that one must first learn much ere he
qualifies as a real producer.

"Tell the truth about Florida! Because
Paul said in haste, 'All men are liars'
does not prove that he had bought Flor-
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THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Public Instruction of
St. Lucie county met in regular session
the 6th day of November, 1911. Pres-
ent, B. F. Hardesty, chairman, J. F.
Bell and J. W. Hodge, secretary and
superintendent.

Minutes of previous meeting read
and approved.
Bids for building the school house at
Fellsmere were opened and were as
follows: L. C. Stewart, \$238.75 and
John T. Firman, fifty per cent of cost
of material. It being ascertained that
Mr. Furman's bid of fifty per cent of
cost of material was less than Mr.
Stewart's bid, or not over \$230, Mr.
Furman's bid was accepted.

The superintendent was instructed to
convene the teachers of St. Lucie county
in the High School building at Fort
Pierce for institute on Friday and Sat-
urday after Thanksgiving. Teachers
will count Friday as taught with at-
tendance same as Wednesday preced-
ing. All teachers are required to come.
Program will be issued later.

The treasurer's report was received
and filed for reference. Cancelled war-
rants were verified.

Motion was made and carried that
the superintendent be allowed his actual
expenses instead of mileage as hereto-
fore.

Motion was made and carried that
the services of O. R. Parker be dis-
pensated with in accordance with the
suggestion of the Grand jury.

On motion the Board ordered one
barrel of oil, floor dressing, for use in
the Fort Pierce school house, to be
paid in April, 1912, without interest.

On motion C. K. Durkee was instructed
to use his judgment in regard to
kind of paint used in painting the Fort
Pierce school house.

M. E. Mills was appointed to teach
the Roseland school.

Report of superintendent as to con-
dition of schools throughout the county
was rendered. The Board is pleased
to learn that some of the teachers are
using their utmost endeavor to comply
with the wishes of the Board concern-
ing rules and regulations governing our
schools, and very much regret that
some seem to ignore to an extent that
cannot pass unnoticed hereafter, and
teachers in the future will be asked to
meet the Board for neglect in comply-
ing with said rules and regulation.

There being no further business, the
Board adjourned to meet the first Mon-
day in December.

EAST COAST RAILROAD
INSTALLS TELEPHONES

The Florida East Coast Railroad is
planning to install a complete system
of Western Electric telephone train
dispatching equipment including forty-
eight selectors to be used in signalling
way stations, four dispatcher's equip-
ments, together with ninety-six com-
plete way stations and siding tele-
phones. The district to be covered by
the new telephone system extends from
Jacksonville, Florida, to Key West.

There are two dispatchers, located
at New Smyrna, operating approxi-
mately 125 miles north to Jacksonville
and south to Fort Pierce. At Miami
there will also be two dispatchers op-
erating approximately 125 miles north
to Fort Pierce and south to Key West.
The dispatcher's offices are arranged
at New Smyrna and Miami so arranged
that one dispatcher controls the north
and south train wires, and facilities are
provided to split the circuits so that in
case of emergency dispatchers may be
assigned to one section alone. This in-
stallation covers the entire main line.

There are probably few train wires
in the country which operate under
more severe conditions than those met
with on this road. Owing to the high
wind storms, tree moss frequently is
blown across the wires and this some-
times becomes saturated with mois-
ture from the salt fog. In order to
insure continuous service the line is
treated with turpentine and the poles
are built unusually heavy and the poles
are spaced on the average at 115
feet intervals. It is expected that the
new telephone dispatching circuit will
be put in operation during December.

GOOD ROADS
RALLY HEREFort Pierce to be Mecca of an
East Coast Automobile Tour

WILL RUN DECEMBER 6

Scout Car Reached City from Jacksonville
Mor day in Twelve Hours Actual Run-
ning Time—The Mass Meeting

The official scout car of the Jack-
sonville Board of Trade for the big East
Coast good roads rally to be held in
Fort Pierce December 6th, which left
Jacksonville Sunday morning, arrived
in Fort Pierce at 5:30 Monday evening,
with official scout, F. O. Miller, chair-
man of the good roads committee of the
Jacksonville Board of Trade, R. L.
Boyd, a special committee for the East
Coast rally, and Chris. S. Robertson,
general manager for Claude Nolan who
donated the use of the Cadillac car for
the run, as pilot.

The car which brought the official
party to Fort Pierce, came to Jack-
sonville in the Glidden tour, and its speed-
ometer recorded a distance of 1757
miles from the empire city of the
United States to Fort Pierce. The run
to Fort Pierce covered a distance from
Jacksonville of 249 miles, after a tour
of 29 miles had been made above Day-
tona on account of the Smith creek
bridge being down, leaving a net dis-
tance of 220 miles, which is 22 less
than covered by the Florida East Coast
railroad. The run to Fort Pierce was
made in 12 hours and 17 minutes ac-
tual running time, at a rate of twenty
and one-quarter miles per hour, which
exceeds the speed made by the Glidden
tour from New York.

High water near Jupiter prevented
the Miami delegation from making the
trip by automobile and they arrived in
Fort Pierce Tuesday by train in time
to attend a meeting of the county com-
missioners at which a bond issue for
\$200,000 for good roads was signed. A
conference of the two delegations was
held with representatives of Fort Pierce
in perfecting details of the meeting.

At a meeting of the Fort Pierce
good roads association held in the St.
Lucie County court house Monday eve-
ning, addresses were made by Messrs.
Miller and Boyd, as well as several lo-
cal citizens, and a motion prevailed
that all good roads associations of the
East Coast be invited to join in the
run to Fort Pierce on December 6th,
and attend the rally to be held here
that day.

A committee of seven enterprising
citizens were appointed to arrange all
details of the rally, and to provide en-
tertainment for the visitors to the city
on that occasion. Suggestions were
made of a barbecue and oyster roast
for the early afternoon and a smoker
for the evening.

Pledges were made by county com-
missioners and members of the local
association that all bad spots in the
roads through St. Lucie county as no-
ted by Mr. Miller, would be put in first-
class shape in time for the big rally,
and with the presence of Logan W.
Page, director of roads for the depart-
ment of agriculture, and Mr. Elliott of
the Touring Club of America, the great-
est good roads rally ever held in Flori-
da will take place in this city on De-
cember 6th, and the people of Fort
Pierce are alive to the benefits to be
derived from such a meeting, and
trust that it will be attended by all au-
tomobile owners between Jacksonville
and Miami.

THE PROCLAMATION
FOR THANKSGIVINGPresident Taft's Thanksgiving pro-
clamation is as follows:

"The people of this land, having by
long sanction and practice set apart
toward the close of each passing year a
day on which to cease from their labors
and assemble for the purpose of giving
praise to Him who is the author of the
blessings they have enjoyed, it is my
duty as chief executive to designate at
this time the day for the fulfillment
of this devout purpose.

"Our country has been signally fa-
vored in many ways. The round of the
season has brought rich harvest. Our
industries have thriven far beyond our
domestic needs, the production of our
labors daily finding enlarged markets
abroad. We have been free from the
curse of pestilence, of famine and war.
Our national counsels have furthered
the cause for peace in other lands and
the spirit of benevolence has brought
us into closer touch with other peoples,
to the strengthening of the bonds of
fellowship and good will that link us to
the comrades in the universal brother-
hood of nations. Strong in the sense
of our own right and inspired by as
strong a sense of the rights of others,
we live in peace and harmony with the
world. Rich in the priceless pos-
session and abundant resources where-
with the unstinted bounty of God has
endowed us, we are unselfishly glad
when other peoples pass onward to
prosperity and peace. That the great

privilege we enjoy may continue and
that each coming year may see our
country more firmly established in the
regard and esteem of our fellow nations
is a prayer that should arise in every
thankful heart.

"Therefore, I, William Howard Taft,
president of the United States of
America, designate Thursday, the 30th
day of November next, as a day of
thanksgiving and prayer, and I, earn-
estly call upon my countrymen and
upon all that dwell under the flag of
our beloved country, then to meet in
their accustomed places of worship to
join in offering praise to the Almighty
God and devout thanks for the loving
mercies He has given to us.

"In witness whereof, I have here-
unto set my hand and caused the seal
of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Chicago, this
thirtieth day of October, in the year of
our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and eleven, and of the independence of
the United States of America, the one
hundred and thirty-sixth.

"By the president:

"P. C. Knox, Secretary of State."

INTERESTING CAREER
OF BILLY BOWLEGS

A very small Indian boy with a very
long Indian name crouched behind a
grassy knoll in a Florida swamp one
day in 1835. With a bow as tall as
himself he was sending a succession of
arrows into a group of desperately
fighting United States soldiers.

It was the battle in which brave Ma-
jor Dade and his little body of troops
were wiped out by Osceola's fierce
Seminole warriors. Osceola took
actual command of the Seminoles; but
their Sachem was Micanopy, an old
man. The little boy with the big bow
was Micanopy's grandson. From baby-
hood he was a ferocious, war-loving
little chap. Most of his time was spent
on horseback.

His efforts to sit astride the broad
backs of the native horses and ponies
had bent his legs into odd shape. The
Indians often nicknamed each other
from some peculiarity of face, figure or
action. So the lad's real name was
quickly forgotten and he was known
through life as "Billy Bowlegs."

Such, at least, was the way the Ameri-
cans translated his longer Spanish title
of "Guillemto a las piernas corvas."

The Dade battle was the first of
Billy's many fights. In it he slew
several white men and, by reckless cou-
rage as well as by Seminole cunning, he
won then a fame that was soon to
spread throughout the United States.

Osceola had wrought terror and deso-
lation from one end of the Seminole
country to the other. When he was
treacherously seized while going to a
conference under a flag of truce, the
government thought it would be easy
to force his leaderless tribesmen into
submission. But the war-fires Osceola
had lighted were not to be so easily
quenched. For years the conflict drag-
ged on before the authorities were able
to ship the sullen Seminoles west, to
the reservation laid out for them. As
it was, about 350 of the fiercest re-
fused to go, and managed to escape the
government's agents by hiding in the
Everglades. These rebellious Semi-
noles chose Billy Bowlegs for their sac-
hem, or head chief.

Many years had passed since the
Dade fight, and Billy had grown to full
manhood. He was a crack shot, a war-
rior of marvelous strength and endur-
ance, and had, moreover, the faculty
of escaping from every tight place in
which he chanced to find himself. This
last-named quality led his superstitious
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THE FIRST NUMBER OF
LYCEUM ATTRACTIONS

The first number of the Alkahest
Lyceum course to be presented to the
people of Fort Pierce at the Improve-
ment club hall for the season of 1911-12
will be that of the Cavenys, consisting
of J. Franklin Caveny, crayon artist,
clay moulder and impersonator, and
Marie M. Caveny, soprano soloist and
pianist, who will appear Saturday
evening, November 25th.

J. Franklin Caveny, the famous
cartoonist, clay-moulder and imper-
sonator, is too well known to need any
introduction. Since his appearance on
the lyceum platform twelve years ago
he has risen steadily in public favor;
his praises have been sung from the
Atlantic to the Pacific. Another and
extremely popular portion of the per-
formance of Marie M. Caveny. This
young woman has an expressive sop-
rano voice of great range and beauty.
Some of her songs are illustrated by
Mr. Caveny's rapid and skillful hand.
Mrs. Caveny is also a pianist of rare
accomplishment. The whole program
offers an evening of varied and con-
tinued interest.

Season tickets for the Lyceum at-
tractions are now on sale at the office
of the Manager of the club, Mrs. C. T.
McCarty, at \$2.50. Monday, Novem-
ber 20th, between 2 and 4 selections of
seats will be made, and all purchasers
are requested to be present. The other
four attractions are: Brush, the magi-
cian, entertainers and illusionist; The
Apollo Concern Company and Bell
Ringers, Fisher Shipp Concert Com-
pany, and Rounds Ladies' Orchestra.

THE DECISION
ON BOND LAWFull Text of Supreme Court's De-
cision of Last Week

FULL COURT CONCURS

A Decision of Far Reaching Benefit in De-
fining Power of Legislature in Grant-
ing Special or Local Legislation

The following is the full text of the
decision of the Supreme court handed
down last week, which renders the St.
Lucie County special bonding law a
valid instrument:

In the Supreme Court of Florida,
Division A. June Term, A. D., 1911.
Paul Kroegel and others, Appellants,
vs. Richard Whyte and others, Appel-
lees. St. Lucie County, on Rehearing,
Justice Cockrell.

Certain resident taxpayers of St.
Lucie County obtained an injunction
against the issuance of bonds voted for
the construction of hard surface roads
and a public dock, under authority of
Chapter 6016, Laws of 1909, which is a
special or local law. Pending the ap-
peal in this court, the legislature pas-
sed an act, being Chapter 6302 of the
Laws of 1911, validating the said bond
issue and requiring the levy of taxes to
pay the interest and to provide a sink-
ing fund.

The supposed defects pointed out
specifically in the bill of complaint
have been fully met in the validating
act; but upon the original hearing this
court was, following some well consid-
ered cases in other jurisdictions con-
struing similar constitutional pro-
visions, of the opinion that the legisla-
tion fell within the inhibition against
special or local laws, "for assessment
and collection of taxes for State and
County purposes." Upon further con-
sideration, however, we are now of the
opinion that other provisions of our or-
ganic law permit us to follow another
line of decisions holding that the inhi-
bition goes only to the manner or method
of assessing taxes and does not forbid
the legislature to authorize by special
or local laws a county to levy a tax for
a lawful county purpose. See Gibson
v. Mason, 5 Nev. 283; State ex rel,
Williams v. Fogues, 19 Nev. 247, 9 Pac.
Rep. 123; Bright v. McCullough, 27
Ind. 223; Bacon v. Mulford, 41 N. J. L.
59; Simon v. Northrup, 27 Ore. 487, 40
Pac. Rep. 560; Sisk v. Cargile, 138 Ala.
164, 35 South. Rep. 114. The legisla-
tive department of this state has so
construed the constitution, a judge
from numerous enactments at nearly
every session held by it since the con-
stitution became effective.

Sec. 24 of Article III of the constitu-
tion clearly permits the legislature to
pass special laws as to county govern-
ment; this section indicates a disposi-
tion not to hamper the legislature as to
county affairs, in view of the widely di-
vergent needs of the communities in a
state, differing so in soil, climate, popu-
lation and otherwise; but there is an
other provision to which we did not
give sufficient weight.

Section 5 of the article on taxation
and finance provides that "the legisla-
ture shall authorize the several coun-
ties and incorporated cities and towns
in the state to assess and impose taxes
for county and municipal purposes. The
use of the word 'several' drives
us to the conclusion that the counties
may be given power severally and hence
they may be given it by special or local
laws. We cannot construe the inhi-
bition against special or local laws for
the assessment and collection of taxes
for county purposes as an inhibition
against an imposition of a tax for coun-
ty purposes, in the face of the com-
mand to authorize the several counties
to assess and impose taxes for county
purposes. A general law authorizing
all the counties to assess and levy a
tax for a county purpose, of course
authorizes the several counties, each
and every, to do so, but this power
would have existed, had the word 'several'
been omitted. We cannot accuse
the makers of our constitution of using
words idly and we cannot give effect
to this word only by declaring that it per-
mits the legislature to grant by 'special
or local law' authority to a county,
or several counties, to assess and levy
a special tax for a legitimate county
purpose, provided only the manner and
method of assessing and collecting the
tax be regulated by the general law.

This legislation authorizes the county
of St. Lucie to issue bonds for the
building of a public dock, authority not
conferred by general legislation upon
other counties, and it is suggested that
this may be offensive as regulating, in
a special or local law, the jurisdiction
or duties of a class of officers not mun-
icipal. We shall not undertake to de-
fine the demarcation between regula-
tions affecting the county government
which is directly permitted, and regula-
tions as to the jurisdiction and duties
of any class of officers which are pro-
hibited. In the matter now before us
it may well be doubted if the confer-
ring of a power upon a county through
its county commissioners to levy a tax
to meet bonds issued for a county pur-
pose, regulates their jurisdiction and
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